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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia, MJ DATE TYPED 2/17/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Create Veterans' Affairs Oversight Committee SB SM 48

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			\$0.1		

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 48 requesting the New Mexico Legislative Council to create an interim Veterans' Affairs Oversight Committee notes that there are approximately two hundred thousand veterans of the United States Armed Forces and the New Mexico National Guard who reside in New Mexico. Veterans' affairs is a key policy issue for the legislature with more than one hundred bills related to veterans' issues introduced in the first session of the forty-seventh legislature.

#### Significant Issues

The Memorial resolves that the New Mexico Legislative Council create an interim Veterans' Affairs Oversight Committee to work with the Veterans' Services Department, the Department of Military Affairs and related agencies to improve efficiency in veterans' services provided by federal, state and tribal governments. The Committee will make recommendations for legislative initiatives to address findings.

### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Memorial further resolves that the Veterans' Affairs Oversight Committee develop recommendations by November 30, 2005 to assist the Veterans' Services Department in formulating legislative proposals. Copies of this Memorial will be transmitted to the Secretary of Veterans' Services, the Adjutant General of the Department of Military Affairs and the Co-Chairs of the

New Mexico Legislative Council.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be additional costs dependent on the extent of involvement of other State agencies, how often the Committee is being requested to meet and how Committee recommendations impact State agencies. However, costs may be offset by proposals prepared by the Committee that actually increase the State's efficiency in providing services to Veterans.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The Memorial is unclear as to what other agencies are being asked to participate in the Committee in addition to the Veterans' Services Department and the Department of Military Affairs.

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